

HAROLD PARKER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(North Andover)

GENERAL:

Two parcels totaling 3,000 acres of fairly flat land with no more than 50 feet of variation in elevation. Stocked with pheasants under agreement with the Division of Forests and Parks, owner and manager of the Harold Parker

State Forest.

U.S.G.S. Quads: Lawrence, Reading

VEGETATION:

Mixed forest of nearly mature pines and hardwoods. Very few openings left except where recent logging has occurred.

WATER:

There are seven ponds within the area, but only Berry Pond is stocked with trout. The remaining ponds are shallow, warm water impoundments constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the 1930s.

WILDLIFE:

Grouse, woodcock, gray and red squirrel, raccoon, cottontail rabbit, fox, deer and various furbearers are present in low numbers. There are numerous nongame species, and there is also limited pheasant stocking during the season.

SPECIAL

REGULATIONS: Huntin

Hunting in the state forest is prohibited west of Jenkins Road (but the entire management area section is open to hunting). Note that a "hunter orange" hat is required wear for hunters during the pheasant season.